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the nurse may see in the commonplace and sometimes irritating round of duties the fulfilment of ideals and the wise plan of an ever watchful, overruling Providence. The Songs of a Nurse are little verses for the most part concerned with everyday happenings of a nurse's life. They show a rare sympathy and a deep understanding of the thoughts and feelings of the many and varied broken beings brought to the hospital for repair. Many of the Songs are characterized by a subtle humor giving a light and joyous quality that is most delightful, making one remember Shakespeare's saying, "Sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not." Altogether they are a group of appealing little songs and will wake many echoes in the hearts of all nurses. The dainty binding and clear printing on heavy paper make it an inducement as a gift book.

**BROKEN HOMES.** A Study of Family Desertion and its Social Treatment. By Joanna C. Colcord. The Russell Sage Foundation, New York City. Price, 75 cents.

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For over twenty years nurses, especially, have known and used Dorland's Pocket Dictionary, so this eleventh edition will be widely welcomed. There have been sold to date over 185,000 copies of this most serviceable little book, containing the "pronunciation and definition of all the principal terms used in medicine, surgery, dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing and kindred sciences, with over 60 extensive tables." It is as heretofore attractively bound in red flexible leather and contains an up-to-date vocabulary.